IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CIV No. 98-1359 JP/LFG

PAUL K. BYERS,

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Defendant,

and CANONCITO BAND OF NAVAJO INDIANS,

Intervenor-Defendant...

PLAINTIFF'S PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL CONCLUSION OF LAW

The plaintiff United States of America, by and through its undersigned attorneys, proposes the following supplemental conclusion of law in this matter:

19. The rights of the United States in the public lands cannot be lost by mere acquiescence or delay on the part of the government in asserting its rights. <u>United</u>

<u>States v. California</u>, 332 U.S. 19, 39-40 (1947) <u>Sweeten v. U.S.D.A.</u>, 684 F.2d 679, 682 (10th Cir. 1982).

Respectfully.

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HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing pleading was mailed to opposing counsel and Mr. Byers on February 23, 2001.

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